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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 25, 2003

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In response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2003, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

## **Petition for Extension of Time**

to and including April 26, 2004. Applicants note that April 25, 2004 was a Sunday and that April 26, 2004 is the first business day following April 25, 2004. Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0383

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